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Title : Method for Forming an Opening in a Light-Absorbing

Layer on a Mask

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.